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FYI. Goal is good. Cast is "interesting."

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kendall, Thomas R SPN

Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2011 7:55 PM

To: DLL-CESPN-Delta-IPLAN

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Sharing with y'all...

Tom (from Bberry)

From: Robershotte, Paul J SPD

Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2011 07:00 PM

To: Wehr, Michael C. COL SPD; Leady, William J Col SPK; Mullins, Kristina K SPK

Cc: Muncy, Brandon C SPK; Tejeda, Cindy L SPD; VanRijn, David P SPK; Schlenker, Brooke E SPK; Clark, Dennis G SPK; Frentzen, Clark D SPD; Townsley, Edwin S SPD; Peterson, Cheree D SPD; Toland, Tanis J SPK; Kirchner, Alicia E SPK; Keever, John A SPL; Constantaras, Andrew SPD; Keller, Philip A COL, SPD; Oyabe, Patrick W. SPD; Kendall, Thomas R SPN
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COL(P) Wehr, COL Leady, & Kris

This afternoon we had a constructive discussion exploring an expanded role for USACE in the Delta, leveraging authorities and project(s) that are underway. They are part of the Delta Program "Package" and have received good support from ASA in FY12 and hopefully, FY13 as well. From the State, Mark Cowin, Director DWR, Dale Hoffman-Floerke, Deputy Director, Delta & Statewide Water Mgt, Gary Bardini, Deputy Director, Integrated Water Mgt (FloodSAFE) & Chuck Gardner attended our 75 minute discussion. Brandon Muncy, David Van Rijn, & Brooke Schlenker joined me from SPK.

The State is interested in USACE driving the Flood & Ecosystem Restoration program for the Delta Plan (specifically BDCP). This is a program currently estimated at \$3.4 Billion to be completed over the next 35 to 50 years for California. This would include activity to restore 65,000 acres of tidal

marshland, reduce flood risk, and complete the contemplated Yolo Bypass/Fremont Weir conservation measure.

Two concerns raised by the Corps were:

1. A full understanding of the System and how individual activities are fully consistent with the agreed upon "end state", will be required to satisfy the Corps, and is currently impacting such activity as West Sac; and,
2. Political concerns, (eg Congresswoman Matsui) that conservation (or water conveyance) is driving current Delta planning and that Flood risk must also be fully addressed.

Mark, Dale & Gary responded. First Mark reiterated conservation improvements to the Yolo Bypass are critical, and this must and will be done while decreasing flood risk. Gary made the point that recent project activity likely got too far ahead of the full system strategy and picture, and that this full system must be mapped out for the CV and Delta. Further, he mentioned several initiatives underway to help construct this important foundation.

Several next steps were discussed. I mentioned I had sent a note to SPK this week requesting dates and times that Mark Cowin & Jerry Meral can meet with COL(P) Wehr, COL Leady, Kris and me, to help USACE understand how important these activities are to the State and Federal Government. In addition, I will work with SPK, Cheree & Clark to discuss and draft how USACE can participate, or at a minimum, how the State should position plans and project work to not preclude USACE from participating subject to working through our study authority and necessary processes.

Roger Patterson (Asst GM) from Metropolitan Water District was also invited to this meeting, but unable to attend. I spoke with Roger last week, though, and he is fully supportive and willing to help in the many powerful and influential ways that Met can.

This has real potential to bring attention to and support for our Delta project(s). It can bring a true Integrated Water solution to the problem, and it could lead to a very significant level of activity. I welcome comments, questions, concerns and input, as this is still nascent in its evolution. This is the third discussion I have had with the state and very much appreciate the contribution, guidance and participation of the very busy District staff over the past two weeks. If I have missed addressees, please forward to them and let me know.

V/r,

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